



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3651**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takamitsu KAWAI

Group Art Unit: 3651

Application No.: 10/806,174

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For: FEEDING DEVICE FOR FEEDING RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 6, 2006 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply is extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-7 and 10-21 are pending.

An Election of Species was required in this application and Applicant elected Figs. 2, 3 and 5-7. Claims 1, 3-7, 10-15, 20 and 21 read on the elected species and claim 1 remains generic to claims 16-19. Applicant requests rejoinder of claims 16-19 when claim 1 is found to be allowable. See MPEP 821.04.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lightner et al. (Lightner), U.S. Patent No. 6,305,684, in view of JP-A-9-86749 (JP '749). The rejection is respectfully traversed.